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**INTERNET FRAUD—**

**IT'S A YEAR ROUND CRIME!**

**BEWARE THIS HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON**

*Ten Consumer Tips from the SD City Attorney's Office*

**WHO:** Deputy City Attorneys Cindy Davis and Joan McNamara of the Consumer & Environmental Protection Unit; members of "CATCH " (Computer & Technology Crime High-Tech Response Team).

**WHAT:** Thirty-seven (37) internet fraud cases are either being investigated or have been filed by the Consumer & Environmental Unit of the City Attorney's office. If holiday internet shoppers don't take steps to minimize their risks, the caseload could increase before the year is out. Media interviews are available with the experts— the Prosecutors who investigate and convict these criminals. Visuals: Counterfeit luxury bags.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, November 27, 10 a.m. - Noon**

**WHERE:** San Diego City Attorney's Office, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620  
Downtown, San Diego

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